


REMARKS

By this amendment, the Related Applications section of this application is updated to include reference to the parent application.

The Applicant wishes to note that the claims of the present application are the same (although renumbered) as those submitted in an Amendment filed after final rejection on July 23, 2003 in the parent application. As mentioned in an Advisory Action dated September 2, 2003, the July 23, 2003 Amendment was not entered. Accordingly, the claims in their amended form are submitted in this continuation application. However, the Applicant respectfully requests that reference be made to the Remarks in the July 23, 2003 Amendment for discussion of these claims in relation to the art cited by the Examiner to date.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention is patentably distinct over the prior art and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the present application as amended is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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